Mother Tongue

Been 1/10th following this movement
to make English Official Language.

Though there's logic,and hatred,
sometimes both at once,mostly

smacks of provincialism to me.
Any person on a Sarajevo street
will speak three or four languages.

When Airbuses flow here from Baghdad
after this latest imperial fiasco,who'd

object to having voting instructions trans-
lated for the pilgrims? But,that's then.

So? Now? Well,what do politicians do? They trade
off! If we can bring language question to national
referendum,I'll trade my “no” vote for the promise

not to murder any more Afghan or Iraqi children.
Is it a deal? C'mon! Engage in politics! Very
Highest Art when it saves lives.